Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sergeant Russell D. Graves' dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize these patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant Graves has devoted over 24 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a Crane Operator and Lift/Load Equipment Operator for the South Dakota Army National Guard, and served in three deployments to Germany and one deployment to Panama; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant Graves continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Sergeant Russell D. Graves for over 24 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 16, 2004, as

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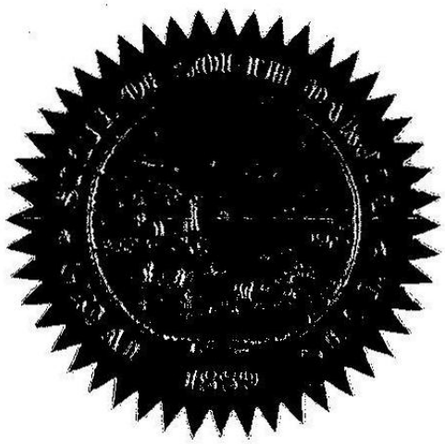
in South Dakota, and join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State